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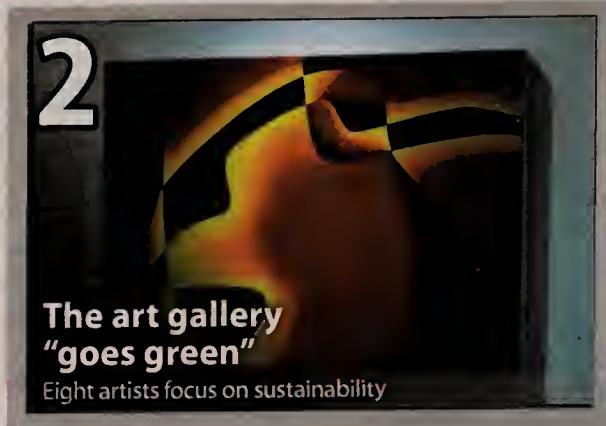

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# Witnessing Change

## *Four Wartburg students to attend Obama inauguration*

**LUKE SHANNO** *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Four Wartburg students will witness history on Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Washington D.C. as they will watch the swearing in of President-elect Barack Obama on the west side of the U.S. Capitol.

Student Body Vice President Abhay Nadipuram, Jessica Stadler, Sam Dunn and Amanda Gahler will join thousands of onlookers using 240,000 tickets handed out by congressional members across the country. Millions of non-ticket holders are also expected to make the pilgrimage to D.C. to be part of the inauguration festivities.

For Nadipuram, the ability to see the inauguration live brings his experiences full circle.

Nadipuram started working for the Obama field office in Waverly the summer of 2007, campaigning for the future president.

"It was very interesting to see why this election, this inauguration are so important because, all of a sudden, people were back in the swing of politics," Nadipuram said. "They understood why politics mattered. They understood why government mattered."

His connections to Obama run deeper than just his campaign work. Nadipuram met Obama on two separate occasions.

He saw Obama in August of 2007 when the then Illinois Senator addressed a group of people at Waverly Light and Power.

In December of 2007, Obama was on the Wartburg campus and Nadipuram introduced him to hundreds of people inside Neumann Auditorium before he addressed the crowd of faculty, staff and community members.

In the summer of 2008, Nadipuram completed a seven week internship in the office of Senator Chuck Grassley (IA-R) and maintained contact with members of Grassley's staff. Those connections led to tickets to the inauguration for Nadipuram.

Submitted Photo

President-elect Barack Obama and Student Body Vice President Abhay Nadipuram pose for a picture during Obama's visit to campus.

"I'm excited to see the swearing-in of the President-elect. I don't think it's something that I will ever forget. Him standing there, taking the oath of office that's written in our Constitution," Nadipuram said.

Stadler's journey to the inauguration started in high school, before there was any historical significance to the 2009 inauguration.

Stadler was nominated by her high school government teacher to represent Iowa at the 2004 National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Based on her skills demonstrated through the conference and her continued success at Wartburg, she was selected to attend the University Presidential Inaugural Conference.

"The actual inauguration is the top thing because it's such a big event, and I'll probably never get the opportunity to go again," Stadler said. "I'm also looking forward to some press conferences that we're going to have where I will get to listen to people talk about the election process and everything leading up to it and what's going to happen after President-elect Obama takes office."

The four Wartburg students have been trying to coordinate their plans for the inauguration and the days surrounding it, hoping they can all be together while in attendance of the swearing-in ceremony.

"I've been to the last two inaugurations and it's a wonderful experience. To be honest with you, you can see it better on television," Wartburg College President William Hamm said. "I think everybody ought to go to an inauguration at least once in their life. It really is quite a thrilling experience. I think it's neat that we have students who are able to go."

Both students are looking forward to the inauguration. Individual events will highlight the trip, but both know that the most important thing they will see in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20 is history.

Check The Circuit and the issue of the Trumpet following the inauguration for more coverage of the Wartburg students' trips to Washington.

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## Couple gives millions to Wartburg

**JACKIE ALBRECHT** *NEWS EDITOR*

Wartburg received a 3.1 million dollar gift for the unrestricted endowment in December, making it the largest monetary gift the college has ever received.

The funds were donated to Wartburg from the estate of Leon and Helen Koebrick, Charles City.

"The funds will exist in perpetuity for the college.... They wanted to provide long-term support for the college, so that future generation of students can benefit, as well as current students," Vice President of Institutional Advancement Scott Leisinger said.

There are two types of monetary gifts the college receives. The endowment gift is invested, while current gifts are spent shortly after the college receives them, Leisinger said.

Typically, the college earns four-and-a-half percent from the invested endowment funds annually, he said.

Since the donation is unrestricted, the earnings of the invested funds can be spent however the college sees fit.

The Koebricks chose to donate their estate to Wartburg over 20 years ago, Leisinger said. Leon Koebrick died in 1986, while Helen Koebrick died in 2007.

After Helen Koebrick died, the estate gift was given to Wartburg in installments. The development office chose not to announce the gift until the full amount was received.

Although the Koebricks never attended Wartburg, they were longtime supporters of the college.

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## Consulting firm to assess student housing needs

**JACKIE ALBRECHT** *NEWS EDITOR*

Performa, a higher education consulting firm, will be on campus this week to assess the college's residential hall needs in order to create a Student Housing Master Plan.

Performa consultants will interview students and also faculty and staff concerned with student housing. Although the consulting firm is focusing on first-year dorms, they will assess all of the residence halls.

"They will use their professional expertise to come up with a strategic plan to improve our first-year housing, ... and also give us an assessment of where we are at with our housing," Vice President of Student Life Deb Loers said.

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## Director of Vogel Library accepts teaching position at UNI

Jean Donham

**ELLEN KURT** *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Jean Donham will leave her position as head librarian at the end of the academic year to pursue a tenured-track faculty position.

"I wouldn't leave Wartburg for any other college librarian job. . . . The only thing that would draw me away is the opportunity to teach, because I really like to teach," Donham said.

She is moving to the University of Northern Iowa starting June 1. The UNI program specializes in school librarians so she will be teaching such things as how to manage libraries, courses in children's resources, research methods and other things that librarians need to learn in order to do their job, Donham said.

"Right now places that train librarians are having a very difficult time finding people. There are not a lot of people around with a Ph.D. in a field that qualifies them to teach librarianship," Donham said.

She has been working as a college librarian for 10 years. She worked at Cornell for eight years and has decided now to "go back to her roots" as she has previously been an associate

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# News

## Local Briefs

### Senate exec. applications available

Applications are available today for the 2008-09 Student Senate president, vice president, treasurer and recorder positions.

The Student Senate executive election is expected to be a competitive race, student body president Travis Bockenstedt said.

Bockenstedt hopes students choose to run for an executive position.

"I encourage students to talk to one of the executive members and learn about the positions. Because we've had such a successful year this year with Senate, we have many junior senators who are interested in running," Bockenstedt said.

Applications are available outside the Hub and are due Jan. 28 by 7 p.m. A mandatory campaign meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Hub for all candidates.

A Student Senate debate will occur at 7 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the ballrooms. Students will vote online Feb. 17.

More information about the candidates and the election will be available on The Circuit at www.wartburgcircuit.org.

### Wartburg Alert test successful

The Wartburg Alert, which was tested Dec. 11, had an 87 percent success rate, according to Director of Campus Security John Myers.

The Wartburg Alert test was intended to send 2,794 messages to students and staff, but only 2,421 messages were sent out successfully.

"The major problem we faced during the test was with the phone numbers, but that has been rectified immediately," Myers said.

Another test will be conducted in a few weeks; however, a specific date has not yet been chosen. Students and staff will be notified in advance.

"If you haven't received one of these alerts, either through your phone, as SMS message or e-mail address then be rest assured that you will the next time the alert gets tested again in a few weeks time," Myers said.

Myers also advised students who have not yet registered their information on the security Web page to do so in the interest of their safety.

"It doesn't matter where a student might be on the campus, he or she can receive security information," Myers said.

### Yearbooks now available to students

The '08-'09 Fortress yearbooks have arrived. Current second, third and fourth-year students may pick them up in the main office of the Communication Arts Center between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The yearbooks will be available until Jan. 30. Students will be required to show student ID when picking them up, and there is a limit of one book per student.

**Briefs written by Jackie Albrecht, Adamu Muhammad and Ellen Kurt**

### Menzel searches for replacement

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professor in librarianship and information science at University of Iowa.

"The nice thing about librarianship is that you can shift from one kind of librarian to another," Donham said.

Donham said that she will miss the students and faculty at Wartburg and wished that she had come sooner so that she could stayed longer.

Dean of Faculty Ferol Menzel has met with the library staff about the search for a new librarian. She has created a position description.

A national search is under way to find a replacement, and Menzel is eager to find someone. by the end of the spring.

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Brittany Feagans/*TRUMPET*

The new art gallery exhibit features different pieces of artwork centered around sustainability. The artwork is done by eight Iowa artists and is on display until Feb. 1.

## Art gallery focuses on sustainability

**SARAH VAN** *STAFF WRITER*

The newest art gallery exhibit focuses on "being green."

"Sustainability" is different from other exhibits because it includes artwork from eight Iowa artists.

Scott Robert Hudson, the curator of the exhibit, was excited to put this together.

"It's become acceptable for us to talk about [sustainability]," he said.

Hudson has been exploring the themes of sustainability for a long time. Now with the help of the "going green" spirit, it has become easier and more popular to talk about these themes.

Hudson started thinking about "sustainability" last fall. It took about a year to get the whole project together. Hudson said it was really important to have different forms of art in the exhibit.

The first part of the exhibit displays an Iowa State Post-Katrina Design Workshop project. Students worked to help rebuild a community center for a Native American tribe, the United Houma Nation. Four giant posters show photos of the community center, the trip to Louisiana and designs made by the students.

There are also five wood-fired pots on display that stand over three feet tall. The artists used several recycled materials for their pottery.

The exhibit also features four paintings by Hudson himself. They are a collection of "Effigy Mound Paintings."

The Effigy Mounds, Iowa's only national monument, are burial mounds located in Allamakee County.

The environment has always interested Hudson. Growing up in southern California, Hudson learned about the Santa Barbara oil spill. When he was older, he worked with the Forest Service. He helped maintain the land and encountered several logging companies.

He said it was not rare for some of the companies to break their contracts. Hudson also fought forest fires.

In the middle of the art gallery is a corn stock surrounded by several life-size paintings of corn stocks. Other displays include a wall covered with 2 by 3 inch paintings and a painting of Wounded Knee. For Hudson, The Wounded Knee painting is the most important part of the Sustainability exhibit.

"It's an example of what happens when everything goes wrong. The dark side of sustainability," Hudson said.

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## Students urged to voice housing opinions

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There will be two meetings held next week for students to give their input about what they would like improved in the residence halls. The meetings will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Centennial Hall lounge and at 11:45 a.m. Thursday in the ballrooms.

The Cabinet is choosing to focus on first-year dorms because Founders Hall, Clinton Hall, Centennial Hall, Hebron Hall and Vollmer Hall are the oldest residence halls.

"We know they aren't going to last forever. ... It's just a normal thing to do in the life of the college and I'm really pleased we are able to take this step. It doesn't mean we are making any decisions at all nor does it imply a timeline," Loers said.

Loers feels it is important to bring an outside consulting group to campus to assess residence halls.

"Doing this kind of assessment is a really complicated process," Loers said. "It involves a kind of skill set we don't have here. Also, another advantage is it is an outside view."

Once Performa has talked with students, the firm will provide The Cabinet with an informal report on Thursday. The firm will then, create a formal Student Housing Master Plan.

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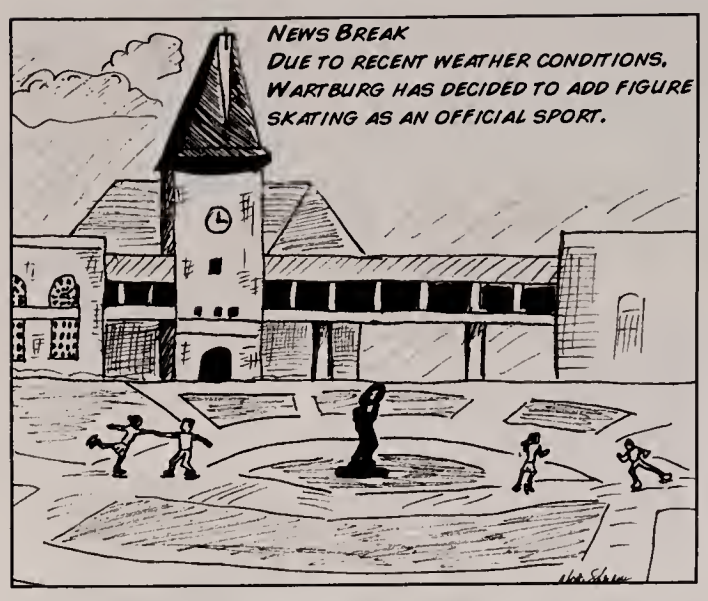



## Editorial

## Time to be true to the school, give back

The holiday season might be gone, but it's never too late to give back to the college.

Several athletic coaches and the athletic director at Iowa State University are giving up a week's salary to help deal with budget cuts by the state.

According to several reports, the pay-free week could save the school more than $50,000.

The Wartburg faculty and staff are already giving back to the college.

According to statistics provided by Scott Leisinger, vice president for institutional advancement at Wartburg, in the 2007-08 fiscal year, 154 out of 357 full-time faculty and staff members made a charitable gift to the college.

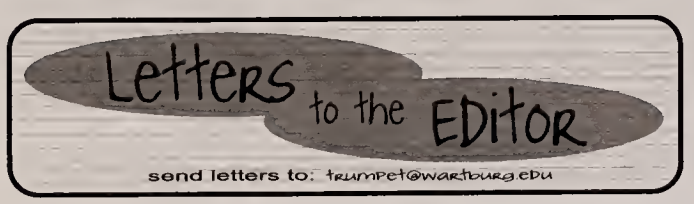
That is a total of 44 percent, which is the highest percentage in the past five years.

In the 2003-04 fiscal year, the number was at 27 percent and has since climbed almost 15 percent. Leisinger would like to see that figure grow to at least 50 percent in the next few years.

"The financial contributions of faculty and staff are vitally important to the college's ability to fulfill its mission," Leisinger said.

The college is in great shape, but it never hurts to have more Wartburg faculty and staff get in on the act, even if it is a small donation.

If it helps out the college then why not give back a little?




## Praise for another successful Holiday Shoppe

Thank you to the Wartburg social workers, student-athletes, staff and faculty who supported another successful Holiday Shoppe. The Shoppe served nearly 300 families from Bremer County and nearly 600 children. Students raised $11,000 in support of these families.

This Holiday Shoppe was the 22nd Holiday Shoppe and is annually one of Wartburg's largest service projects. Identified families chose several Christmas toys for each of their children.

Feedback from these families include comments such as, "We wouldn't have a Christmas without you, bless you," "Can you imagine what it would be like to be a child and wake up Christmas morning and have no presents," and "Thank you, please keep doing the Holiday Shoppe."

Wartburg can be proud of all our wonderful students. My personal thanks to you for your caring and hard work.

Susan Kosche Vallem

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## It's a New Year, time for some new thoughts

**ANDREW NOSTVICK** *OP/ED EDITOR*

The new year is here and I have a lot of thoughts to get off my chest. What better way to start 2009 than by doing another random thoughts column.

**1. What's with all of these resolutions?**

People always want to make resolutions for the new year once New Year's Eve rolls around.

I'm not a fan of making resolutions for the new year. Why not make resolutions on Sept. 24?

More power to you if you can follow through with your resolution. However, if you don't, I have some friendly advice to help.

How about resolving to stop doing something that annoys your friends and family?

**2. Random Facts on New Year's Resolutions**

These facts are all courtesy of FunFacts.com.au.

Sixty-three percent of people are still keeping their resolutions after the first two months. Two-thirds of people actually make three or more resolutions.

Sixty-five percent of people made their resolutions between the Dec. 29 and New Year's Day. The rest take until after New Year's and no later than January.

Of those who do succeed at achieving their resolution, 40 percent do so on their first try.

**3. The College Bowl Part Deux**

According to the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), the University of Florida Gators are the national champions.

You try telling that to colleges like the University of Texas, the University of Southern California or the University of Utah.

Now President-elect Barack Obama wants to change the way Division I-A football crowns a champion. Ha! Good luck!

**4. My first fantasy football league championship**

A congratulations to me for winning my first league title in fantasy football.

It seemed like it would take forever, but I did it. For the record, I didn't put much effort into this championship like other people do. I just wanted to throw that out there.

**5. The Snuggie versus the ShamWow**

This is a debate that seems to be raging on and on. I've consulted colleagues about this issue and there seems to be no easy answer.

With the Snuggie, you mix together the elements of a blanket and bath robe. Basically, you end up looking like one of the Stonecutters from that one episode of The Simpsons.

The ShamWow is a towel that cleans up messes. It supposedly wipes the floor of the Bounty Quicker Picker-Upper.

I haven't been able to offer a fair judgment for both products.

I've read the complaints for both sides on Complaintsboard.com.

The biggest knock on the Snuggie is that people have ordered, but haven't received the product.

The biggest knock on the ShamWow is that it doesn't work as well as in the commercial.

If anybody happens to have either product, feel free to e-mail me at the address below.

**6. What about 2009?**

You won't get much out of me if you want predictions. Enjoy 2009!

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## Crime should pay, says editor-AT-large

**LUKE SHANNO** *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

I have always been a fan of the "stupid headlines" or "dumb criminals" stories that pop up on television, in newspapers and in e-mails.

I was browsing through more headlines, and I came across one that struck me as a "what in the world are we coming to" headline.

The headline reads "States ponder early release for some prisoners." It started as a dumb headline in my mind, but this just makes no sense.

It seems as though the economy (why do we blame everything on the economy?) has caused budgetary issues for states, state legislators and prison officials across the country. What's the most sensible thing to do?

Simple.

Enact policies that will release thousands of offenders from prisons and parole supervision.

I understand that prisons are becoming overcrowded, which is a poor reflection on our society as a whole rather than the facilities themselves. It requires copious amounts of money for upkeep and to detain inmates in our prison systems. In this economic time, it isn't plausible to recommend building new detention facilities.

However, if there is ever something not to do, I believe it is releasing prisoners and letting them off parole, even if it means it would save a lot of money.

I'm a realist. These are criminals we are talking about. They are inside the friendly confines of your local penitentiary for a reason – yes, there could be some that were wrongly convicted – but as a general rule, these are people convicted of crimes by a jury of their peers.

Granted, in defense of those in favor of this kind of legislation that would allow for the release of prisoners and parolees, they are only talking about non-violent and non-sex-offending criminals. This is the most sensible thing I've read about these proposals.

Still, even though states will not be releasing murderers back onto the streets and into communities, what kind of message is this sending to multitudes of people?

This just screams "We don't care what you did, or what you could do. We can't afford to keep you around, so we'll just let you go."

I have an issue with this. If there was ever a place not to skimp when it comes to funding and legislation, I believe it is probably in the corrections systems.

After all, that is how we maintain our rights and freedoms in this country – the laws actually mean something, and if you break them you have to deal with the consequences.

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# Hop on the Learning Express

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

The Vogel Library and the Pathways Center are partnering to provide students a new service.

Learning Express is a service that Wartburg has subscribed to in order to provide students with things that they can do now to help prepare for the future. These things include practice tests; tutorials in reading comprehension, math, and writing; and career preparation resources.

"I think a lot of students will take advantage of Learning Express. It is a great way for students to prepare for the future," Director of Library Jean Donham said.

The Pathways staff asked about trying to get this service at Wartburg. Donham had heard about Learning Express in the past, so she looked into it. Both thought that it fit the needs of Wartburg students, so Pathways and the Vogel Library decided to subscribe to the service for a year-and-a-half.

"It is a great opportunity for the library to partner with Pathways and it is a great opportunity for us to do this expansion, so that people get the idea that the library is more than it appears," Donham said.

Donham doesn't want students to think the library is just a place to do homework. She wants students know that it offers much more.

The faculty in the education and biology departments were notified about this service before Christmas. She thought it would benefit students in these departments as they would soon be taking the Praxis for Education majors or the MCATS for biology majors.

"I think all of the test prep will be really useful to students regardless of whether it is the MCAT, Graduate Record Exam, the Praxis or any of the others. There are several in there," Donham said.

All of the tests are free and available on the Vogel Library and Pathways Web sites under the Learning Express link.

Students can also take advantage of Learning Express's career preparation tools. Students can put together a résumé or cover letter that they could give potential employers and then find out the proper interview skills that will help them lock-in the job that they want.

When using this service from the library Web site, students can access it on or off campus by clicking the off-campus link.

"This is one of the advantages, because students are usually really busy at school, so when they go home for breaks, they have more time to work on things such as their résumé," Donham said.

She said this is a nice way to broaden what the library offers, and she is eager to hear feedback from students.

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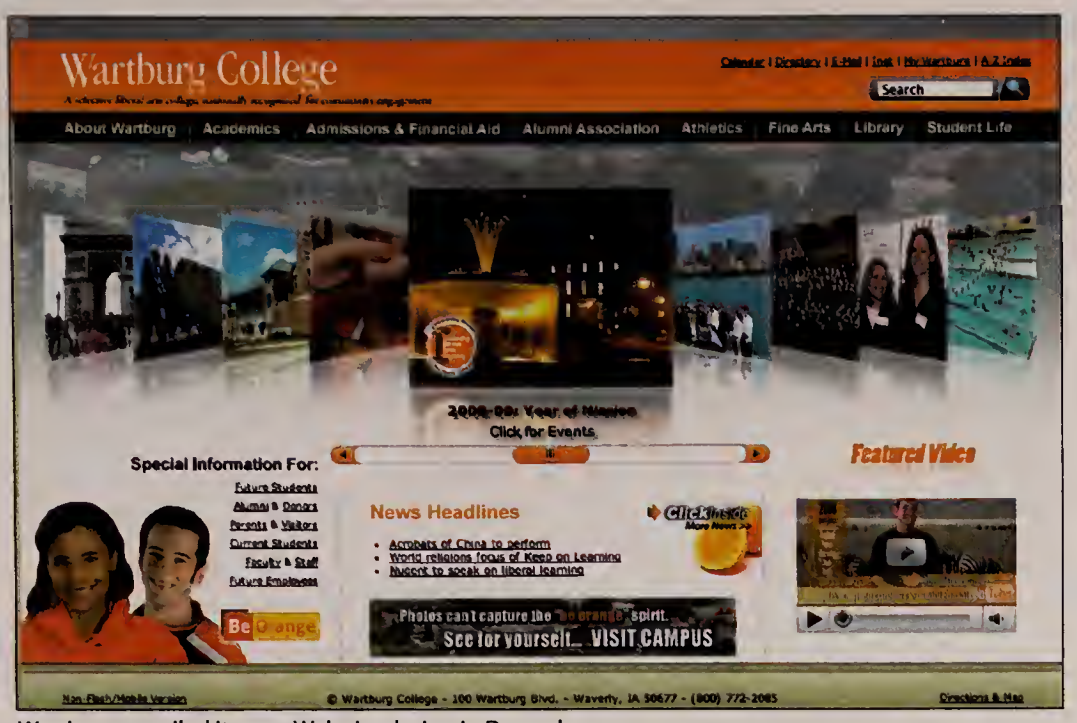


Wartburg unveiled its new Web site design in December.

# New Wartburg site uses more technology

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

After months of work, the re-designed version of the Wartburg home Web page went online Dec. 19.

Web developer Chris Knudson, who was responsible for the design, said discussions for the site began last March and the first changes were put into place over the summer.

"The process was to build the site from the bottom up so users could get used to the new navigation before the front page was released," Knudson said.

The old design, Knudson said, was based on marketing materials from four years ago. Since then, many of the strategies have changed as well as the design of current marketing materials.

"The Web site needed to be integrated with all other Wartburg marketing materials so people can see a common 'Wartburg look'," he said.

Wartburg's Assistant Vice President for Admissions Todd Coleman said he likes the new design and believes it provides a fresh new look. He also said the re-design allowed them to update the overall look to make sure it looks similar to their other publications and allows them the chance to incorporate more video onto the site.

"The use of technology is so prevalent in our society today that it is imperative that we remain ahead of the curve related to the use of technology," Coleman said.

Knudson added Flash components on each of the major sections of the Web site, which would lead to incorporating of video and moving away from drop down menus.

The Flash and video areas, Knudson said, allow them to tell stories in more interactive ways.

Additionally, Knudson moved away from the drop-down menus due to technical issues resulting from the releases of Windows Vista, as well as newer Web browsers.

"The site streamlines some navigation issues we had with the previous design," he said. "Our usability testing suggests the new design gets users to their content more quickly and easily."

Coleman said the admissions office uses e-mail more to communicate with students and driving more individuals to the Web site for information. He said 80 percent of Wartburg applicants now apply online and therefore the site needs to be user friendly, have the right information and be visually inviting.

Their goal, Coleman said, was to redesign the site in a way that through video and other mediums, they could provide students with information in a manner that is easy for them to consume and retain.

"I also personally believe that today's students are marketing savvy and they need to be able to see the sincerity in someone's face, see their expressions and know what they are saying is the truth," he said. "It is much easier to show all of that in video than it is in print."

Knudson said they still have some academic department sites to convert to the new design, but he expects to have everything done by March.

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# Students host documentary viewing

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

A film director said he chose to focus his documentary on a well-known mentally challenged man's abilities rather than his disabilities while speaking to the audience at a public screening of "A Friend Indeed: The Bill Sackter Story" on Wednesday in the Lyceum.

A Lohe suite project, which focuses on watching films centered on people with special needs, hosted the viewing and invited director Lane Wyrick to speak at the screening. Wyrick spent seven years working on the documentary.

"I wanted to show where we've come as a society from institutionalization to today, where people are really helping out in the communities," Wyrick said.

The documentary focuses on people who knew Sackter. Despite being institutionalized for 44 years, Sackter was able to find his purpose in life with the help of people who looked past his disabilities.

"Wyrick shows you multiple points of view of Bill Sackter, which is different than having a screenwriter portray what they think really happened. He let other people tell the story. ... It's not about the main character and what he has accomplished in life. It is about who Bill was as a person," Kelsey Anderson said.

Megan Thompson said the documentary was very interesting.

"I think it gives students another outlook because we don't deal with people with special needs everyday... We just view them as people with disabilities," Thompson said. "It was encouraging to see the documentary because even him, who went through so much, came to be this awesome person."

Social work department chair Susan Vallem knew Bill Sackter personally and found the documentary very moving and accurate.

"[Wyrick] portrayed Bill as I remember him. ... He was always upbeat and always gracious for the least little amount of attention. Bill demonstrated unconditional love to all of us," Vallem said.

Vallem also said the documentary was beneficial for the Wartburg community because it helped broaden people's understandings of diversity and people with special needs.

"When Wartburg folks discuss diversity, we often think of just race and ethnicity. We rarely think of persons with disabilities. And when we think of persons with disabilities, we often think of deficits rather than strengths. I would hope that learning more about Bill might help us appreciate the strength and beauty in all people," Vallem said.

The Lohe suite hoped the audience would leave with a better understanding of people with special needs.

"Because the documentary focuses on the life of a mentally challenged man, we thought it would be a great opportunity to show such a film to the larger Wartburg community," suite representative Jolene Wierschke said.

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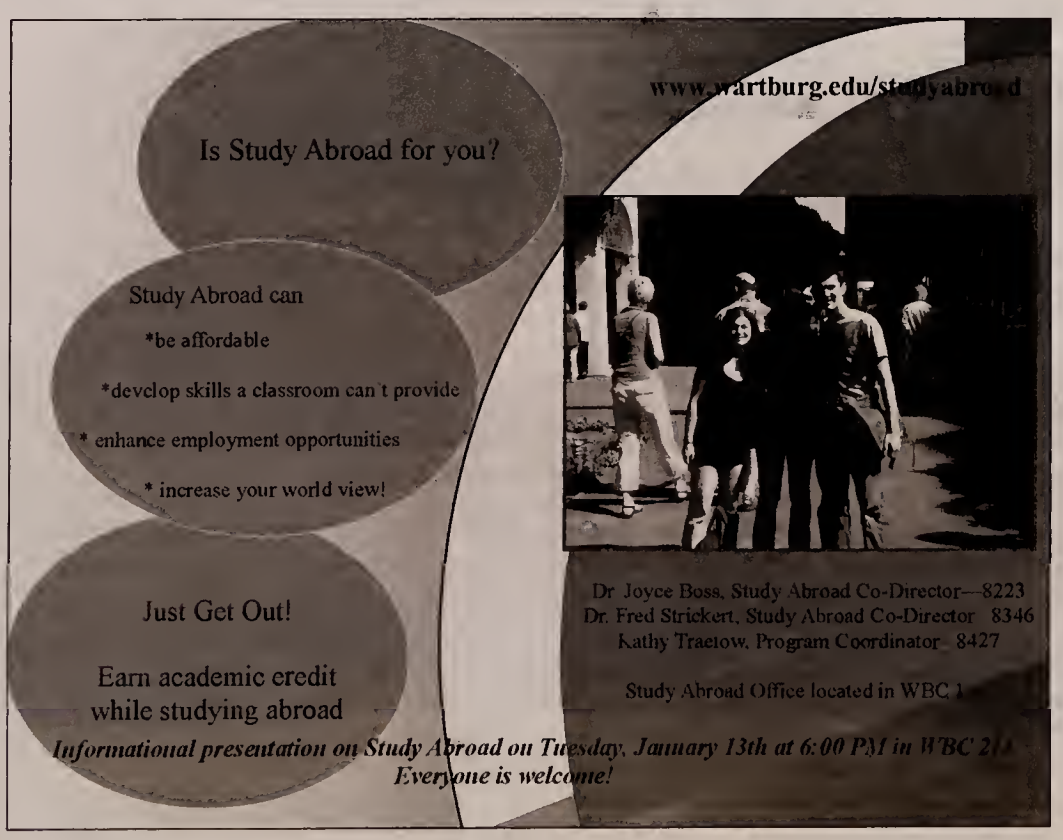

KNIGHTLIFE

# First-year student publishes novel

## *Nash working on second installment*

BRITTANY FEAGANS *PHOTO EDITOR*

While many freshmen are unsure what to pursue in life, Derek Nash arrived at Wartburg College having already written and published his first novel at the age of 17.

Nash's novel, "The Broken Road," is the first of eight intended installments of a series of books entitled "Choices: The Carson Wolfe Series."

"Carson is the main character of my series," Nash said. "His high school sweetheart breaks up with him and it's from that point that the choices that he makes lead him down different paths."

Each choice takes Carson in a different direction, thus forming the plot for each novel in the series.

Although Nash admitted that "The Broken Road" is a love story, he said not every book in the series will focus on romance.

"The Broken Road" focuses on Monica Houston, a middle-aged woman living in Iowa with her family. Out of the blue, Monica is contacted by Carson Wolfe, her high school sweetheart. When he asks her to visit him to gain the closure they never had, the emotions she had in high school are rekindled.

"I always knew I wanted to write. I had a relationship that was kind of like this and it gave me the idea for this book," Nash said. "The first chapter pretty much happened in my life."

Nash wrote the first draft of "The Broken Road" over a period of three weeks, although it took an additional seven months before the final version was published.

"I go to my grandma's farm every summer for three weeks. Every night she fell asleep around eight and I would write until about 2 a.m.," he said. "I don't take any notes, I just write it straight through and then later go back and add things."

Nash chose to self-publish "The Broken Road," enlisting the help of his guidance counselor.

"I had to do all the work myself," Nash said. "I had to do the cover art and shrink all the pages down to size so when I sent it off it was ready for print. It's all my work."

"The Broken Road" was first released on June 1, 2008.

"Derek's book is an amazing effort for someone so young. The plot for this love story has unexpected twists and could be read by anyone from 12 to 102," said Gloria Campbell, associate professor of business administration and economics.

"What I found most interesting was that it was written from the perspective of a woman," Campbell said.

"Most young people are still trying to figure out who they are rather than trying to figure out who other people are."

"The Broken Road" can be purchased for $15 by contacting Nash directly at ChiefAuthor75@live.com. Although not available in stores, Nash is in the process of researching online book buying.

When he is not studying business, Nash spends his time writing for hours on end in preparation of this summer's release of the second book in his series, "The Falling Reign."

Through this experience Nash said he has greatly improved his writing skills and plans to pursue screenwriting in the future.

"I've learned you're not too young to go for your dreams. If you've got an idea, no matter how out there it is, go for it," Nash said.

"Even if you don't succeed, you learn something along the way."

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Brittany Feagans/*TRUMPET*

Derek Nash self-published a novel when he was in high school and is now preparing for the summer release of his second book.

The Frantic, a punk-rock band from Chicago, performed in the Lyceum Saturday night. The four piece band played music from the '60s to the present for the crowd. The event was sponsored by Entertainment ToKnight.

**Brittany Feagans/** *TRUMPET*

# Dance Marathon to support U of I Hospital

SARAH VAN *STAFF WRITER*

Students will raise money for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital during Wartburg's first Dance Marathon. The eight-hour event will be from 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

A Dance Marathon at Wartburg began as a dream of Molly Greene. This year, she said, she decided to make it happen. Greene has organized a group of students who will plan, publicize, send invitations and oversee donations.

Anyone may participate in dance marathon. In order to participate, students need to register online at www.kidsmiracles.org/wartburg. Teams and organizations may pool their efforts and register together.

There is a $10 registration fee that will cover the event, including food, entertainment and a T-shirt.

Once registered, participants can access an online giving page. Friends and family can donate money to a specific person by visiting their page. Everyone is asked to raise $100, which will go directly to the hospital.

"People are willing to donate to this cause," Greene said.

Greene said $100 might seem like a large amount for some college students, but it is far less than the $450 U of I students raise to participate in their Dance Marathon. Green said getting 10 people to donate $10 is not difficult.

*Graphic by Krista Tessman*

For those who do not want to ask relatives and friends for money, there will be fundraisers leading up to the March event. These will allow participants to raise some or all of their donation.

Local children who receive treatment from the University of Iowa Children's Hospital will attend the event, which allows participants to meet some of the children they are helping.

Dance Marathon is an organization run through Children's Miracle Network (CMN). It directs 100 percent of funds raised to the local children's hospital.

Greene had several conference calls and meetings to prove that she had enough support at Wartburg for Dance Marathon to be a success.

Greene learned about Dance Marathon from a camp called Heart Connection, where she works for one week every summer. Most of the children and volunteers at the camp have worked at or participated in dance marathons.

"College Dance Marathons raised over $5 million for their local children's hospitals [in the past year]," according to Kidsmiracles.org.

The U of I hosts one of the largest and most respected Dance Marathons because of the amount of money it raises. It has become a model for other Dance Marathons across the country.

"This year they broke the $1 million mark for donations," Greene said.

The first Dance Marathon was started in 1991, according to the Web site. Over 100 U.S. schools now host their own event.

Greene hopes that Dance Marathon will become an annual tradition at Wartburg.

"It's not about dancing," Greene said. "It's about spending time with and helping kids."

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SPORTS

# Dominant in conference, women go 2-0 on week

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The women's basketball team maintained its undefeated status topping the Coe Kohawks 66-62 Saturday and Central Dutch in a 72-71 nailbitter Wednesday.

In the Knights' match-up against the Kohawks, the women trailed for the entire first half, going into the locker-room trailing by six points, 36-30.

"I was really proud of how we kept our composure when we got down 13-2 to start the game. Our ability to stay focused and respond to that challenge tells me a lot about the character of this team," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

Coe maintained the lead in the second half, but Warburg kept chipping away at the lead, answering to any points scored and capitalizing on Coe's mistakes.

With 10 minutes to go in the half, the Knights tied the score at 50 on a Katie Zittergruen free throw. From there, the momentum was in Wartburg's favor and they took the lead on jumper by Kelsey Teubel. The Knights never looked back.

"We responded well with some defensive adjustments that allowed us to get back into and ultimately win the game," Amsberry said.

Zittergruen was Wartburg's top performer scoring 15 points with four steals. Close behind were Abbey Hempen and Sam Harrington both adding 11 points. Hollee Silvey and Sharese Van Sloten added 10 and nine points respectively.

Harrington brought down seven boards for the Knights.

"We really had great balance offensively and our team defense was outstanding," Amsberry said. "Individually, Katie Zittergruen played an outstanding game on both ends of the court. She was able to match up well with Coe's post play and made some key plays during our second-half run."

Earlier in the week, Wartburg took on the Dutch in a close battle to the finish.

The Knights took possession of the lead early but relinquished it quickly to Central. Five minutes into the half, the Dutch had a solid hold onto the lead. Wartburg went to the locker room at half trailing 35-29.

Wartburg's defense held Central to only four points in the first five and half minutes.

Hempen was fouled at the arc while down by three. She cashed all three free throws to tie the game at 39. Wartburg took the lead back in the next few seconds with a Zittergruen lay-up.

The two teams exchanged the lead until Central took control once again with 10 minutes left in the game. Central extended the lead to seven the points before the Knights were able to counterattack.

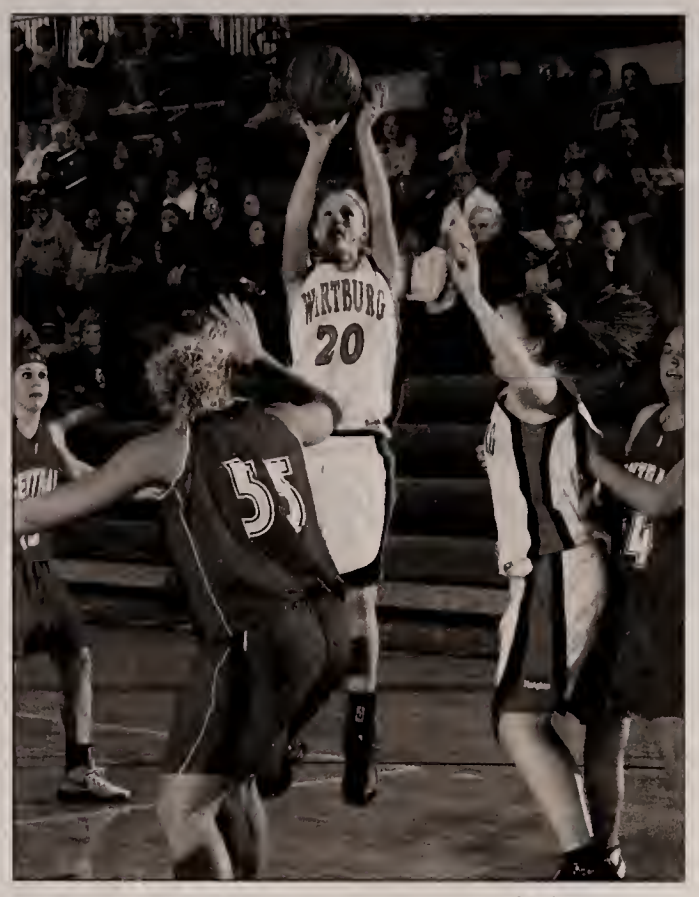
Van Sloten's steal with six minutes left set-up Harrington's 3-pointer to tie the game at 59. The lead changed hands six more times before time ticked off the clock. Hempen's 3-pointer with a 1:06 to go was the eventual game-winning shot as Central was unable to answer in the final seconds of the game.

"I was proud of how we hung together to pull out a hard fought win. It is so important to take care of the home court in this conference, as every team poses legitimate threats. The balance in the league right now is incredible, making every game important," Amsberry said.

Hempen led the Knights' offensive attack with 19 points, including five 3-pointers. Harrington racked up 13 points with three 3-pointers and Zittergruen chipped in 10 points.

"Abbey Hempen and Samantha Harrington really hit some key shots down the stretch with a couple of late three-balls and our defensive stand on the last possession showed the heart of this team," Amsberry said.

Van Sloten and Leah Riley both helped out with nine points and eight rebounds apiece. Also helping out on the boards was Leslie Wilson with seven.




Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Abbey Hempen puts up a jumper in the Knights win over Central, 72-71

The wins put the Knights at a perfect Iowa Conference record of 4-0 and 9-4 overall. The Knights' next game is at home against rival Luther College Wednesday. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. in Levick Arena.

"The Luther rivalry is one that we really cherish. It is always exciting when the two schools go head-to-head and this is no different," Amsberry said.

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# Two wins put Knights at .500 in conference and for the season

ERIC THIELE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg men's basketball team finished the week 2-0 with wins over Coe, 60-59, and Central, 65-59, winning three of their last five games.

On Wednesday. Wartburg was led by Kelly McCarville who had 19 points and five rebounds.

Rebounding was a strong point for the Knights, outboarding the Dutch 44 to 32. However, ball handling and decision-making were a problem for the Knights as they had 18 turnovers.

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Jordan Sathoff powers past a Central defender in the paint

"We battled really hard and did very well rebounding the ball, but we need to make better decisions with the ball and we don't need to be in a hurry," head coach Dick Peth said.

The Knights defense was able to keep the Dutch to only one player scoring in double digits and the Knights held the Dutch to only 34.8 percent shooting.

"The team had a good finish to the first half, we made some changes in the locker room and had a big steal by Ross Timmermans that really shifted the momentum in our favor," Peth said.

On Saturday, the Knights were able to pull out 60-59 overtime win at Coe.

The Knights won the rebound battle once again, 37-32, and only allowed Coe to shoot 35 percent from the field.

Wartburg had a 29-25 lead going into halftime and were able to get the lead up to nine points with 13 minutes left in the game. Then Coe went on a run and were able to tie the game at 54 with one minute and seven seconds left in the game.

The Knights had a chance to win the game with one second left when Cashes Mason went for a layup but missed and the game went into overtime where the Knights prevailed.

Wartburg went to the UW-Eau Claire Tournament on December 29 and 30 and won the first game against Jamestown (N.D.) by a score of 74-68.

That put the Knights in the championship game against host UW-Eau Claire. The Blu-Golds came out on top, 92-70.

"Beating Jamestown was a big win for us," Peth said. "We had a bad start versus UW-Eau Claire and had troubling scoring, which is what killed us."

On Jan. 3, the Knights dropped their second conference game against Loras, 76-73.

Wartburg is currently 6-6 overall and 2-2 in the Iowa Conference and will host Luther Wednesday at 8 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Four Stooges Football Predictions Wrap-up

Seth "The Judge and" Drury
WTV8 Sports
**1. "The Judge"**
42-8

In the words of Byron Scott, "Bring on the 3-peat!" I would just like to take this space to thank my wonderful competitors and my intuition for setting the standard of best record in Four Stooges history. It's not hard to do, just always pick UNI and Wartburg to win, pick against Iowa State and it's usually a toss up for Iowa. I am just glad I can bring the trophy back to the WTV8 confines for a second year in a row, that is after I brought it to KWAR after my first year. I am glad that my reign as Football Prediction Champ will be done so my fellow Junior competitors can have a chance at being on top. And remember always...GO BIG RED!!!

Mac "McLovin" Slavin
Trumpet Sports
**2. "McLovin"**
39-11

I would just like to thank Nikki for picking Penn State and Iowa State for playing just like I knew they would all year. Aside from the Big Ten going 1-6 and Minnesota's loss in their bowl game, I thought most of the games turned out how I wanted them to. I would have liked to see Ohio State pull an upset , Oklahoma topple Tim Tebow and the Gators and I would have liked to see Utah crowned as champs. They trounced Alabama, an opponent the Gators had issues beating in the SEC championship, in the Sugar Bowl. But with all that behind us, I'm ready for the basketball and hockey seasons to get underway. Go Gophers!

Nikki "No-Nonsense" Newbrough
WTV8 Sports
**3. "No-No"**
37-13

I would just like to thank everyone for not making fun of my picks. I had the chance to clinch second place and beat McLovin, but I went for the Penn State upset and it did not pull through. I was also disappointed with the championship game. I really was pulling for Oklahoma and only wished they would have taken their chance for some more field goals. In the end I am proud of my effort and I truely think Utah should be the overall winner of the BCS. It wasn't their fault they played bad teams!

Austin "Get Rowdy" Draude
KWAR Sports
**4. "Rowdy"**
34-16

Let me simply say this year did not quite turn out the way I hoped it would. I took a few gambles, underestimated the Hawkeyes until the very end and overestimated the Cyclones until a 2-10 season appeared inevitable (which it was). I was the only one to pick Wartburg to lose a game this year (to Central), and it's one of the few times I'm ever happy to be wrong. I'm proud of the Hawkeyes for being in the sports section more than the police blotter this year, and I'm proud of Florida and Tim Tebow for winning the BCS National Runner-Up Game. Say what you want fans, Utah is, was and always will be 2008's national champion and only undefeated team.

## Sports Brief

### Michael tabbed as All-American and All-Region

Wartburg's Trent Michael was named Div. III All-American third team and first team All-Far West Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Michael recorded 10 shutouts for the Knights and posted a 14-7 record at the end of the year.

Luke Prater also joined Michael on the All-Far West Regional team by being named second team.

### Knights are 35th in Director's Cup fall standings

After finishing fourth in the 2008 NCAA Div. III women's cross country meet and a national berth from the men's soccer team, Wartburg was ranked No. 35 in the latest Director's Cup fall standings. The Knights were just seven points shy of a tie for 33rd. Wartburg was the highest-ranking IIAC team on the list.

**IIAC Standings**

| Team | IIAC | Overall |
|---|---|---|
| Simpson | 5-0 | 13-1 |
| Wartburg | 4-0 | 9-4 |
| Loras | 3-2 | 8-6 |
| Buena Vista | 2-2 | 9-4 |
| Central | 2-3 | 6-8 |
| Luther | 2-3 | 3-10 |
| Coe | 1-3 | 7-6 |
| Dubuque | 1-3 | 5-8 |
| Carneli | 0-4 | 5-7 |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**IIAC Standings**

| Team | IIAC | Overall |
|---|---|---|
| Buena Vista | 4-0 | 12-1 |
| Loras | 4-1 | 9-5 |
| Dubuque | 3-1 | 10-3 |
| Carneli | 3-1 | 10-3 |
| Wartburg | 2-2 | 6-6 |
| Central | 2-3 | 8-6 |
| Simpsan | 1-4 | 5-9 |
| Luther | 1-4 | 4-9 |
| Coe | 0-4 | 4-9 |

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Indoor track looks to repeat success of 2008 season

**AL STRAIN** *STAFF WRITER*

After bringing home two IIAC titles last year, the Wartburg indoor track and field teams look to carry last year's success into this year.

Last year saw head coach Marcus Newsom's women's squad bring home a national runner-up trophy, while the men brought home 12th-place honors.

Newsom said the key component to the team's success this year will be team unity.

"The big thing for us is our closeness. We had success not just because of great performances but because we had a sincere relationship with each other," Newsom said.

This year's team will bring a lot of experience as last years season saw success in both individual events and the relays.

At last year's national meet, the Knights brought home runner-up honors in the 4x400-meter relay and fifth-place honors in the distance medley. Kelsey Steffens, Jenny Kordik, Hannah Baker and Christine Marchik return in the 4x400-meter relay; and Kordik, Emily VanOosbree, Amanda and Jennifer Kuiken return for the distance medley.

"A strength of this family has always been how close-knit everyone is on the team," Baker said.

Baker looks to continue her success from last season where she finished third at the national meet in the 400-meter dash. She also brought home conference titles in the 400-meter dash and long jump.

The women's team will also look to the distance events, as the Kuiken's will return, along with Anna Kraayenbrink.

Kraayenbrink brought home fifth place honors from nationals last year in the 5,000-meter run and first place finishes in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs from the conference meet.

The Kuiken duo brought home second and third places in the 800-meter run and the mile and were also part of the conference championship distance medley team. Jennifer also brought home sixth-place honors in the mile from the national meet.

Another strong IIAC performer was Akeya Aimable who finished in third place in the 55-meter dash and was part of the conference championship 4x200-meter relay. She was also a member of the runner-up 4x400-meter relay team at the conference meet.

With so many athletes returning, the women have high hopes for this season's success.

"We definitely have an expectation of sweeping the conference. In addition to that we are going above and beyond this year in focusing on the national meet," Baker said. "We want to bring home a first-place trophy. That is our ultimate team goal."

This year, the men will look to Brian Chenoweth among other runners who came home All-Americans from last year's national meet.

Chenoweth brought home seventh-place honors in the 5,000-meter run. He also brought home a conference championship in the 5,000 and was runner-up in the 3,000-meter run.

John Koehler, Damoan Lottt and John Kuckelman will return to the team after top finishes at last years IIAC championships. Koehler brought home runner-up honors in the 400-meter dash.

Lott and Kuckelman will head up the field events as Lott brought home a second-place finish in the triple jump and Kuckleman finished in third in the weight throw.

Derek Peth will help the Knights as he was part of a distance medley that placed fourth at the national meet and brought home a conference championship last year. Peth also finished in fourth place at the IIAC championship meet.

Jon Stover brought home a fourth place finish for the Knights in the 5,000-meter run.

"We have a good nucleus of young men," Newsom said.

The men are coming off of a 12th-place national finish, in which they were the second-highest IIAC team in the standings. Loras finished in a tie for eighth place, just one point ahead of the Knights.

"The men are coming off a fifth-place team finish at the national [outdoor] meet, the best in Wartburg's history. Now that they have experienced that they are bound to want to get back there," Newsom said.

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TRUMPET SPORTS

**Knights go 2-0 in IIAC play this week**

Both men and women top Coe and Central to move up in IIAC standings.

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**Upcoming Schedule**

Wednesday - Women's Basketball v. Luther @ 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball v. Luther @ 8 p.m.

Friday - Indoor Track and Field - Wartburg Relays @ 4 p.m.
Wrestling v. Buena Vista @ 7 p.m.

Saturday - Women's Basketball @ Simpson @ 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Simpson @ 4 p.m.
Wrestling @ Luther @ 7 p.m.

# Knights finish runner-up at National Duals

**MAC SLAVIN** *SPORTS EDITOR*

It came down to the wire in Cedar Falls, but the Wartburg wrestlers fell in the championship match of the 2009 NWCA Cliff Keen National Duals late Sunday afternoon to Augsburg College 21-20.

"We had a chance to win a national championship but just fell short," head coach Jim Miller said. "We made some mistakes and we had some options and some opportunities, we just didn't take advantage of them."

The top-seeded Knights and second-ranked Auggies split the ten matches, winning five apiece. Zach McKray started the winning for the Knights at 133 lbs. McKray pinned Tony Valek in 6:24.

"Zach McKray wrestled really well, he stepped up and did really well," Miller said.

A pair of wins came from Aaron Wernimont (157 lbs.) and Justin Hanson (165 lbs.) as Wernimont topped Jason Adams 13-6 and Hanson won with a 17-9 major decision.

Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.) was back for the Knights and managed to beat Brad Baus 16-6.

"Romeo was a big spark for us, he definitely was, it was real great to have him back in the line-up," Miller said.

The last match of the day pitted John Helgerson (285 lbs.) for the Knights and Andy Witzel for the Auggies. Helgerson managed to come out with a 3-1 win, but it wasn't enough.

The Knights couldn't get past the three pins and two other defeats the Auggies managed to produce during the match.

On Jan. 30, the Knights will head to Minneapolis to dual the Auggies again.

"We are waiting for that [meet] to see if we make some progress and that would be a big opportunity for us to see if we could make some progress in a short period of time," Miller said.

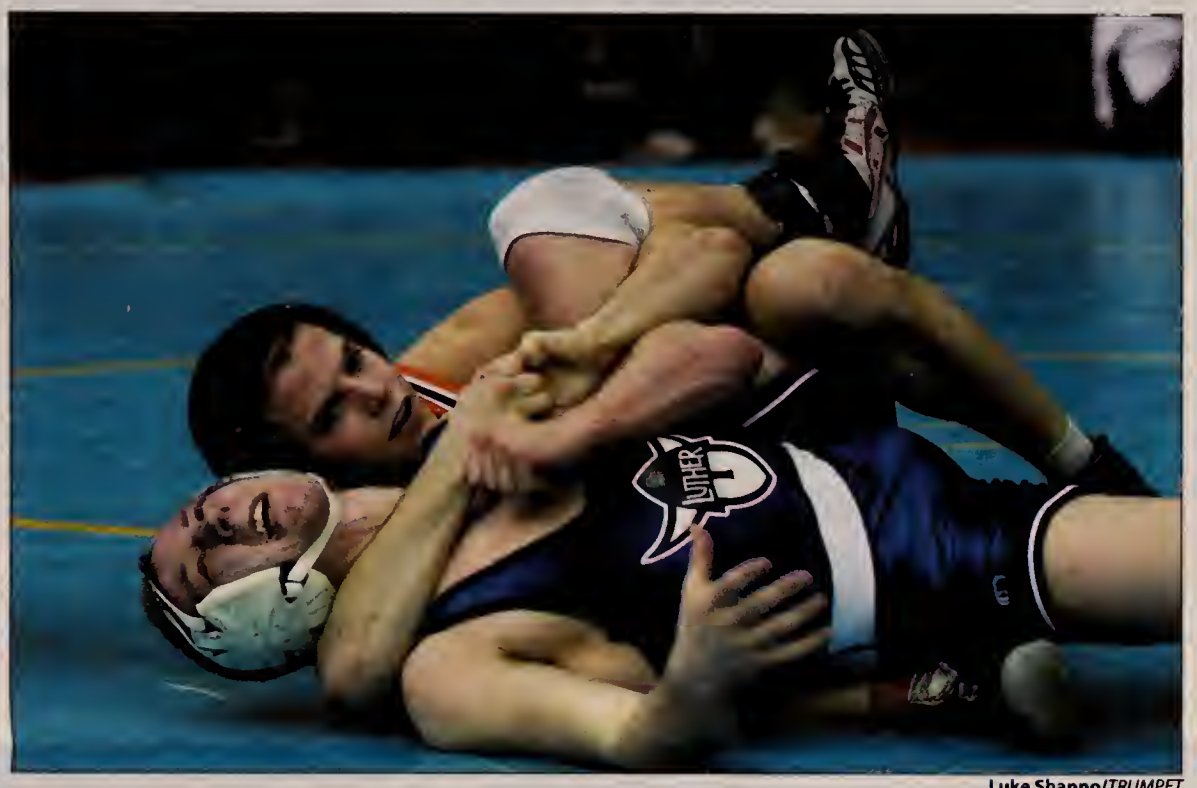
The meet started Saturday morning when the Knights faced the No. 16-ranked Wabash College Little Giants.

After three pins and two technical falls the Knights managed to shutout the Little Giants 47-0.

The Knights received pins from Jack Mirocha (133 lbs.), Jacob Naig (149 lbs.) and Jacob Groth (157 lbs). Matt Kittleson (125 lbs.) and Justin Hanson (165 lbs.) scored technical falls for the Knights.

The win over the Little Giants moved the Knights one step closer to the championship match. In the quarterfinals on Saturday, the Knights took care of the Luther Norse, 39-3.

"It is a rivalry and we always want to wrestle well against Luther, but it was just one dual out of the four," Miller said.



**Luke Shanno/***TRUMPET*

Mark Kist (125 lbs.) rolls up Luther's Zach Elliott on his way to a 16-0 technical fall during the NWCA Cliff Keen National Duals.

Mark Kist (125 lbs.) started things off for the Knights with a technical fall against Zach Elliott, 16-0. Matt Kelly (133 lbs.) followed with a win after pinning Steve Andrukaitis in 2:58.

Wernimont also brought home a technical fall, winning 17-1. Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.) wrestled his first match back from injury and pinned Alex Paige in 1:17.

Other Wartburg wins came from McKray, Naig, Hanson, Grant Jenkens (174 lbs.) and Helgerson.

The win over Luther helped the Knights get into the semi-final match against another IIAC foe, Coe. After losing their first two matches, the Knights won their next six to top the Kohawks 33-9.

McKray and Wernimont scored technical falls against their opponents. McKray beat Johnny Siegal 22-6, and Wernimont topped Tyler Baker 20-5.

Naig, Grant Jenkins (174 lbs.) and Djoumessi all pinned their Kohawk foes. Naig pinned Mark Carey in 4:19, while Jenkins pinned Seth Rehn in 6:59. Djoumessi pinned Greg Lalla in 56 seconds.

Overall, Miller was impressed with the Knights.

"We found out that we were pretty close. We found out we have a lot of potential on our team to do real well. We found out some kids that lost could even compete at the national level," Miller said. "I think it's realistic to look for a national championship in March. I don't think it's far-fetched."

The Knights will resume their conference schedule with duals against Buena Vista on Friday and Luther on Saturday. The first matches are scheduled for 7 p.m. both days.

"I'm glad we did it," Miller said. "It can really help us dig down and set some goals in the short and long term, but hopefully it will inspire us to dig down and do better."

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FROM THE BULLPEN

# BCS faces problems year after year

**DREW SCHRADEL** *STAFF WRITER*

Around this time of year we have the usual, snow, cold weather and the BCS debate.

Now I'm no meteorologist, but I do know a little something about sports and the BCS.

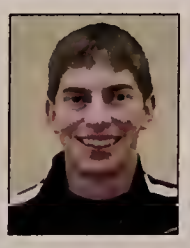
The BCS, or Bowl Championship Series, are the important college football games at the end of the year.

One of the games determines who is crowned the NCAA Div. I National Champion.

These bowl games are not determined by a playoff or sometimes even how good a team is, but by the Associated Press and Coaches Top 25 polls.

This year the University of Utah went undefeated all season long and was not selected to play in the national championship game.

Instead, two main-stream universities, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Florida, played, despite the fact they both lost one game.



Florida lost to unranked Mississippi at home, during the regular season and Oklahoma lost to No. 5 Texas during the regular season.

Although they both lost one game, Oklahoma had the tougher loss as they were playing a ranked team, whereas Florida should have thrashed Mississippi but instead lost.

This is where the idea of a playoff system for the NCAA Div. I National Championship comes in.

The idea comes from every other NCAA division for football, as all of them have playoffs for their national title.

But, there are many flaws in having such a system for Div. I.

If a playoff system were to happen, the NCAA would lose tons of money due to the loss of sponsorships for the bowl games.

Another flaw to this playoff system is there is a very good chance that two teams from the same conference would end up playing each other in the national championship game.

The final flaw would be, that if one conference were to always win the playoffs, recruiting would be dead for any other conference. Then we would never see any other teams in there.

As an Iowa Hawkeye fan I enjoy seeing Iowa play in bowl games, whether it be a large holiday bowl game, or be it a small one that no one watches.

But lets face it, the chance of Iowa going through a playoff and beating the elite teams in the SEC, Big 12 and PAC 10 are slim-to-none.

Although the playoff system may not be the answer, I will say that the BCS has to change.

Teams that are undefeated should be instantly thrown into the draw for a national title bid, and if there is more than one undefeated team then toughness of a team's schedule should be considered.

The BCS is the best thing for Div. I football at the moment though, and until they can find a way to keep recruiting the same and keep making money, it will stay this way.

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